

NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

July 1, 2015

Fireworks show Friday

Don't forget our big Independence Day Celebration Friday evening at THS's Wilkins Stadium. The gates open at 5:45 and Tullahoma's own Utopia band will be singing and playing R & B and Rock and Roll classics starting at 7 pm. The fireworks should begin around 8:45. There will also be food trucks there. A special thanks to the Tullahoma Kiwanis Club for hosting this long-standing Tullahoma tradition. Special thanks to Zaxby's for playing a major role in underwriting the cost of the festivities. Of course, there are many other sponsors as well. This is a BIG event requiring much planning and organization. Rain date is Saturday. Thanks to all!

Car show a hit!

Last Saturday I attended the Southern Wheels N Motion Car Club extravaganza. After many years on the grounds at South Jackson Civic Center the Big Show moved to Waggoner Park. The entire field was covered with classic cars and trucks, several nearly 100 years old. Many of the vehicles have been restored immaculately. It is important to note Southern Wheels N Motion Car Club distributes all the proceeds to deserving non-profits in our community. This truly is a win-win situation. Large crowds enjoy the beautiful old vehicles and all proceeds help area charities. I am always asked to choose a Mayor's Choice award. I must have been in a "truck mood" as I chose a 1940 model.

Thanks, Celebrate

The Chamber Coffee at Celebrate was well attended last Tuesday. Celebrate owners did a great job selecting interesting door prizes. Several new Chamber members were recognized. Monthly Chamber coffees are a great way to stay in touch with the business community and meet new business owners and managers.

Eager readers

A special treat for me last Tuesday was reading to a group of 2 to 5 year olds at Lannom Library's Heroes Week. The children were very attentive and some wanted to read along with me. Some 55 years ago in my first grade classroom at Bel-Aire School, I tearfully told my teacher, a very patient Mrs. Bernice Ayers, I did not want to or need to learn to read. I remember she hugged me and told me she would help me learn to read. (Of course, my mom was a big help as well.) I have always appreciated my long-suffering teachers.

Tullahoma history

On Tuesday evening I presented my 30-minute history of Tullahoma talk, "The 20 Decisions, Events and Personalities that have Shaped Tullahoma" to the bi-monthly

meeting of the Historic Preservation Society of Tullahoma. I thoroughly enjoyed the research that went into preparing the talk. Much of my material came from this organization's 31 Tullahoma Time Tables published over the past 30 years.

Best wishes, Toths

It doesn't seem like it but Col. Ray Toth's three year tenure as AEDC Commander is up this summer. Last Thursday Senior Staff and community leaders attended a toast (and roast) for Col. Toth. He was recognized over and over for his leadership skills. He has led AEDC through some trying times and AEDC is better for his work. Tullahoma and the area will miss Col. Toth, wife, Teresa, and son, Daniel, a recent THS grad. Best wishes to this family in all their future endeavors.

Alzheimer's group plans walk

Last Wednesday the local Alzheimer's Association Chamber held a kick-off luncheon to support their annual "Walk to End Alzheimers". This year the walk will be September 12th at South Jackson Civic Center. The group is urging churches, businesses, families and civic clubs to form walking teams to raise money for research into solving the mystery of Alzheimers. This debilitating disease is the 6th leading cause of death in America.

Disc golf tournament

Thanks to the Sunrise Rotary Club, Parks and Rec, and tournament sponsors for making the Tullahoma Open Disc Golf tournament such a big success Saturday. Eighty-eight people from beginners to pros played 18-holes in the morning and 18 holes in the afternoon at the Rotary Disc Golf course adjacent to East Middle School. The pros were competing for \$600 in prize money. Participants came from all over middle Tennessee as well as Georgia, Mississippi, Kentucky, Alabama, Ohio and Illinois. There were many complements on the course.

Thought of the week: A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new.---
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